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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Chairman Marc Spitzer Commissioner Jim Irvin Commissioner Bill Mundell Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: <u>APS Rate Case</u>: E-01345A-03-0437

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to review the attached document created using the information provided in APS' August 7 letter. APS' letter responded to my July 24 letter asking what APS' rate application would look like without presuming the inclusion of PWEC's assets in APS' rate base.

In Schedule A-1 of APS' Application, APS proposes a revenue increase of \$166.8M. In APS' August 7 letter, APS notes that of this \$166.8M, \$106.6M is to cover the costs of the PWEC assets. Without the PWEC assets, APS' proposed revenue increase drops to \$68.4M [(\$166.8M - \$106.6M) + \$8.2M CRCC surcharge = \$68.4M].

This revised revenue requirement produces a rate increase of 3.80% for residential customers instead of APS' proposed 9.73% increase.

APS' letter states that excluding the PWEC assets in the APS rate base would trigger other costs that APS did not include in its Application. I have invited APS to expand on this statement in APS' filed testimony. I look forward to their response.

Sincerely,

Mike Gleason Commissioner

Enclosure

c: Parties to the Docket

## Prorata adjustment to Exhibit A-1 of <u>Standard Filing Requirements</u> <u>And Tarriff</u> Submitted June 27, 2003 demonstrating removal of PWEC assets. Adjustment based on revenue requirement data from Pinnacle West letter to Commissioner Gleason August 7, 2003.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Without PWEC Assets		With PWEC Assets	
	Projected		Projected	
	Revenue Increase Due		Revenue Increase Due	
	to Rates	% Increase	to Rates	% Increase
Residential	33,846	3.80%	86,586	9.73%
General Service	33,913	3.84%	86,758	9.82%
Irrigation	81	3.85%	207	9.86%
Outdoor Lighting	407	3.77%	1.041	9.64%
Dusk-to-Dawn	<u>195</u>	3.74%	498	9.58%
Total Increase in Revenue Requirements	68,442	•	175.090	

## Note that the August 7, 2003 Pinnacle West letter contains the following text:

"Without the assumption that the new generating units would be included in rates (an assumption consistent with APS' stated intentions of the past year), APS would not have simply submitted the present rate filing less the revenue requirements impact of the new generation. The entire rate application would have been significantly different.

In Mr. Robinson's Direct Testimony, he references cost-of-service adjustments that could legitimately have been made that would have further increased the APS revenue requirement but which were not requested by APS in the original application."